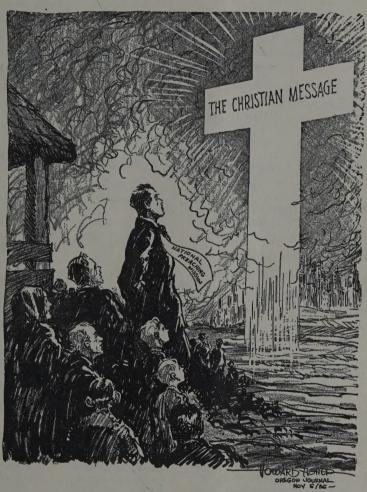
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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

A Prayer for the Churches

O God, who madest the Gospel for a united Church, refuse not, because of our misunderstandings of its messages and the dissensions that rend the oneness of Christendom, to continue Thy saving work in the broken order of our making. Bless the labors of all churches bearing the name of Christ and striving to further righteousness and faith in Him. Show us wherein we are sectarian in our contentions, and give us grace humbly to confess our fault to those whom in past days our communion has driven from its fellowship by ecclesiastical tyranny, spiritual barrenness or moral inefficiency. that we may become worthy and competent to bind up in the Church the wounds of which we are guilty. Help us to place the truth above our conception of it, joyfully to recognize the presence of Thy Holy Spirit wherever He may choose to dwell among men. Endue us with the mind of Christ, that we may all become one in Him. -Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent.

A Returning Tide of Faith

The success of the National Preaching Mission, far beyond the highest expectations, is a revelation of the eager responsiveness of the people to an ardent, positive and convincing presentation of the Christian message. We are witnessing what can only be called a recovery of evangelism and a revival of vital religion.

This is now becoming evident even to men as realistically-minded as those who publish our great newspapers. Here is the way the Editor of the Portland *Oregonian* views the situation, as he rubs his eyes with amazement at discovering that the Preaching Mission attracted the largest audience that has ever been in the Portland Auditorium:

"That the National Preaching Mission should jam the public auditorium with the largest crowd on record is not only gratifying but rather astonishing as well, and a matter of significance.

"Nor is the significance far to seek. The simple fact of the matter is that most people need and desire religious faith and religious fervor, but in recent years they have heard no stirring voice from the churches. The church leaders have taken on too much of remoteness and dignity—too much of the you-come-to-me attitude. Now, when the first great missionary movement is carried on by the united Protestants, the response is such as to leave no doubt as to where the trouble has been. It has been in the tendency of the church leaders to gather within the shadow of the steeples and lament over the decay of faith.

"How is anyone really to know whether faith is dead unless the message is carried militantly into the market place?

"Is it surprising that modern preachers should fill the Portland public auditorium with the largest crowd ever known when they also display a militant faith in their message? We think not. And we think further that the greatest mistake the Christian leaders ever can make is to shrink from bold and red-blooded missionary activity."

From all the cities between the Atlantic and the Pacific where the Mission has already been held come reports that one factor which makes the most profound impression is the remarkable demonstration of Christian unity. The leaders belong to many different denominational groups and have differing points of view on many subjects but they are one in their conviction that the great need of the world is a rebirth of faith of God and of discipleship to Jesus Christ in every area of life. There have been many previous evangelistic efforts of a denominational character or in local areas; here is a concerted movement for utilizing the spiritual forces of all the churches across the entire country in a united impact upon the national life.

The greatest test of the National Preaching Mission is still to come. It will be found in the response which the local churches make to the proposal that for eight days, from Sunday to Sunday, the congregations of all denominations hold their own missions, of an intensive character, designed to reach the people at their own doors. It is in these parish efforts rather than in the more dramatic national itinerary that definite evangelistic results are to be harvested.

Bridging the Racial Gulf

The study of the Negro in America which is now going on in the churches of the country may mark an epoch in interracial work. The Missionary Education Movement and the Council of Women for Home Missions have published texts which are interesting, authoritative and challenging. So popular are they that the book for adult study by Professor Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University and the one for young people by Miss Ina Corinne Brown, a Southern white woman, have already gone to three editions with a total printing of nearly forty-seven thousand copies.

Added to this output for missionary education are the materials prepared by denominations, the Federal Council of Churches and the International Council of Religious Education. All this means that by the spring of 1937 a large proportion of the people in our churches will have given serious thought to the problems of the Negro,—religious, economic, social, cultural and also to the problem of the white churches as they face the gulf that lies between their Chris-

tian profession and their actual practice in relation to this largest minority racial group.

This, then, is the time for church leaders to plan courageously the kind of action which will bridge that gulf. We have made a start. The observance of Race Relations Sunday and all the many activities which help to create goodwill are laying foundations; so are the educational programs in church schools and other religious organizations which develop understanding and appreciation. The attitudes of many churches are changing for the better. The gulf, however, is so wide that at the present rate of progress many generations will pass before the bridge becomes a substantial reality. In the meantime critics of the churches, both white and Negro, look at the gulf more than at the efforts to bridge it.

As a result of this year's mission study a great potential power is developing in the churches. If that power is rightly used it can remake our interracial attitudes and practices and really bridge the gulf in race relations.

Deeper Aspects of the War in Spain

The tragic conflict in Spain is not a "religious war." Those who burn churches are not necessarily attempting to destroy religion. Religion is inevitably associated, in people's minds, with the institutions of religion; but to allow that association of ideas to become an identification is to disregard history and to confuse present issues. The Church in Spain had in some instances, by its own choice, become the political enemy of the republican forces. Well-informed observers have reported that numerous churches have been used as storehouses for munitions, as snipers' nests, and as headquarters for rebel recruiting. We know that religious orders have carried on commercial enterprises but have resisted taxation on them. One bishop is said to have led a column of rebels. The rebel radio stations openly boast that thousands of priests and friars are fighting for them. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., reports: "The rebel army was composed of eight major parties and a great number of minor ones. Amalgamator of the parties was the Catholic Church, under its own banner and under its own party insignia."

One reliable correspondent wrote recently: "The best proof that the present government (the republican government) is not against religion in general is the fact that, in Madrid and in many other parts of the country where there are evangelical churches, they have been allowed to keep on with their services."

It is not unusual for the Church to become so deeply enmeshed in a political or economic order that it becomes identified in interest with that order. When this happens, friends of the order support the Church and enemies of the order seek to destroy it, even though they may not be hostile to religion. The Church in Czarist Russia was practically an adjunct of that regime. Those at present in control of Germany have put pressure on the Church in the attempt to make it an arm of the State. In our own country we frequently hear protests against clergymen who criticize the business policies of those who support the church; such ministers are "biting the hand that feeds them." Then, on the other hand, the speaker in the public park points across to the spire and says, "I'm not at home there because I wear a soft collar and can't pay pew rent. The churches belong to the wealthy."

To those who are in it, the Church stands for religion; to those who are not in it, it may seem to stand for something else. Consequently, when they condemn it or destroy it, they may be fighting it as an ally of their enemy rather than as the symbol of religion.

The destruction of churches in Spain is lamentable. We deplore it; but we must consider what lies behind it so that we may not misinterpret events there and miss the lesson of history for ourselves.

Personal Prayer and Social Service

Muriel Lester, the founder and director of Kingsley Hall, London, who is now in this country as one of the leaders of the National Preaching Mission, is one of those rare personalities that unite personal spiritual discipline with social passion.

Miss Lester's experience at Kingsley Hall, an avowedly Christian social settlement, has come to be widely known. Here she shares to the full the lives of the poor people of the Bow district,

limiting her personal expenditures to seven dollars a month, in addition to the food and lodgings provided for all members of the staff. Not so widely known is her own insistence on private prayer and conscious fellowship with God. Her suggestions at this point, growing out of her own practice, may well be the means of bringing reality into the praying of many for whom the experience had become conventionalized and sterile:

- "1. Let your final conscious thought before sleep be, 'Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit.'
- "2. As you awaken, greet God in terms of objective presence, not in relation to your failures, sins or needs. Think of Him immediately as radiant beauty, creative power, serenity, purity and love.
- "3. Before breakfast dedicate your day to God in prayer; remember that God always has some lovely mission for His messengers to accomplish, if only they put themselves at His disposal to do His will; a day spent for Him will be a day of interest and joy.
- "4. At every meal remember with gratitude God's mercy in providing for you; and pray for the hungry, for they, too, are His creatures.
- "5. As you ride to work on the street car, remind yourself that the crowded car contains God's children, just as you are a child of God. Feel one with them in Jesus Christ.
- "6. Become an artist through prayer. Sometime each day draw pictures in special prayers of people you want to help. One's illness, another's cynicism or despair; each is capable of instant dissolution by Him who hears prayer and sends His healing light to the ruptured soul.
- "7. At the end of the day, in a moment of quietness, and in the presence of God, let the failures, worries, and sins of the day filter slowly through your mind. Everything becomes clearer; the burden of it all is gently lifted from you by the understanding Presence of God."

Churches Convene in Biennial Council

THE OFFICIAL representatives, approximately three hundred in number, appointed by the constituent denominations of the Federal Council to determine its policies and supervise its work, will meet in biennial session at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park, N. J., December 9, 10 and 11.

Since the meeting immediately follows the completion of the National Preaching Mission, special attention will be given to a review and appraisal of its work together with consideration of plans for conserving its results and carrying its spirit into the future. At least ten of the leaders who have been partcipating in the nationwide intinerary of the Mission during the last three months will share their experiences with the Council and suggest what has been learned for the evangelistic and spiritual leadership of the churches. Among those who will have a part in this discussion are W. S. Abernethy, Jesse M. Bader, Oscar E. Blackwelder, George A. Buttrick, W. O. Carrington, Mrs. Harrie R. Chamberlin, Ernest N. Evans, E. Stanley Jones, William R. King, Miss Muriel Lester, John A. Mackay.

When the Council convenes on the morning of December 9 it will hear the presidential address by Dr. Ivan Lee Holt upon the theme "The Service of the Federal Council to the Churches," reviewing the developments of the last two years and suggesting points of emphasis for the coming biennium.

The report on "The State of the Church" prepared by a special committee under the leadership of President Albert W. Beavan and Dr. Justin W. Nixon, will present a diagnosis of the trends in the life and thought of American Protestantism today which should receive the attention of all the churches.

The long-awaited report of the Federal Council's Research Department on the Chaplaincy in the Army and Navy will be submitted by Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, analyzing the present arrangements and conditions under which the chaplains work, and submitting recommendations as to procedure in dealing with the problem.

Professor Ernest R. Groves, of the University of North Carolina, one of the foremost students of the family as a social institution, will open an important discussion on the question "How Can the Church Best Discharge Its Responsibilities With Reference to Divorce and Family Unhappiness?"

The first evening will be devoted to the interest of worship and especially of music. A concert will be given by the Westminster Choir, and its director, Dr. John Finley Williamson, will speak upon "The Place of Music in the Worship of the Church."

All of the morning and part of the afternoon of December 10 will be devoted to the Preaching Mission. There are also to be addresses by Bishop Herbert Welch, on "American Churches and the Far Eastern Situation"; by President Mary E. Woolley on "Women and the Federal

Council"; and by Roger W. Babson on "Ways of Increasing Church Attendance."

On December 10, there will be a testimonial dinner in recognition of the services of the secretaries of the Council who have served it for approximately twenty years each: Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, Dr. Charles L. Goodell, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Dr. Worth M. Tippy and Dr. Roy B. Guild.

On December 11 the main theme in the morning will be the relation of Church and State. Professor William Adams Brown will interpret the study on "Church and State in Contemporary America," which has been made under the auspices of the Federal Council's Research Department. H. Louis Henriod, of Geneva, will outline the plans for the world conference at Oxford next summer on "Church, Community and State."

A panel discussion on "The Interest of the Church in Consumers' Coöperatives" will have the following participants: E. R. Bowen, J. H. Carpenter, James A. Crain, Harold O. Hatcher, William Lloyd Imes, L. V. Kofod and Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton.

The final theme of major importance will be "The Growing Unity Among Interdenominational Agencies." Dr. J. Quinter Miller will describe the unification that has taken place in Protestantism in the State of Connecticut. Mrs. Orrin R. Judd will outline the new coöperative approach which is being made to the field by the Federal Council, the Home Missions Council and the International Council of Religious Education. Russell Colgate will interpret the significance of the National Protestant Laymen's Commission on Character Building, which is to hold a laymen's convention in Chicago in February. Rev. Martin Harvey, of the A. M. E. Zion Church and President of the Christian Youth Council of North America, will discuss the place of young people in the Christian movement.

Each day at noon there will be a service of worship. The unity and special emphases of these services are indicated in the following outline:

- December 9 The Fellowship of the Church: (1)
 United. Led by Right Rev. Peter Bryce,
 Moderator of the United Church of
 Canada
- December 10 The Fellowship of the Church: (2) Universal. Led by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, of India.
- December 11 The Fellowship of the Church: (3) Invisible. Led by Dean Herbert L. Willett, of Chicago.

The election of officers of the Council for the coming biennium will take place on Friday morning, December 11.

Several important supplementary meetings will be held in connection with the biennial sessions. On the evening of December 9 there will be a dinner meeting of the Department of Race Relations. On Thursday noon, December 10, there will be a special luncheon of women under the chairmanship of President Mary E. Woolley; also a luncheon of laymen under the chairmanship of Mr. James M. Speers. On Friday noon, December 11, there will be a luncheon conference of those interested in furthering studies on the relations of church, community and state.

Preaching Mission Gains Momentum



Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Federal Council of Churches, street-preaching from a moving pulpit improvised on an automobile trailer to a noon-day crowd in the retail shopping district of Omaha, Nebraska, during the visit of the National Preaching Mission.

S THE BULLETIN goes to press a report has just come from Portland, Oregon, written by Dr. E. C. Farnham, which is so revealing as to the significance of the Preaching Mission for the spiritual life of the nation that it is worth quoting at length:

"Fifty-six thousand persons attended the various meetings in Portland, not including those who listened to the sixteen different radio messages.

"I wish you might have shared my experience of listening to a newspaper man, not overly religious, enthusing with evident emotion over the greatness of the Mission, over the new insight into religion which he had received, over his happy discovery of the relation between personal and social religion as indicated by the Missioners, and over his delight that so many people not much given to religion had been stirred. He declared the Missioners to be in the vanguard of social outlook, that a totally new concept of religion as a personal experience had been furnished, and that Portland had been stirred to an almost unbelievable extent by the work of the team. He is in a position to speak advisedly.

"The conference between Dr. E. Stanley Jones and the labor leaders was a high point. Out of it came the suggestion by the labor men that a committee of five ministers be appointed to sit with labor groups and employer groups in an endeavor to establish better relations, for as one husky, fighting striker in the group declared: 'Our bitterness just can't work if the ministers are present.' As an outcome, it was my privilege to announce at the closing meeting yesterday that the ministers accepted the challenge and to name the committee of five, headed by Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The announcement was greeted with great applause from the five thousand persons present.

"The luncheon of Service and Civic Clubs on Friday was a great event. Five hundred and fifty club-men, with the Governor of the State, the Mayor of Portland, and practically all state and city officials sat together while Stanley Jones preached and called for a verdict. It was a tremendous blow struck for righteousness for this city. Likewise, the Men's Invitational Luncheon which was held in our most exclusive men's club. They were deeply moved. It was declared later to be the first time that religion had ever been presented within the walls of that institution.

"The largest mass meeting was reported at 7,500, which was announced by the Manager of the Municipal Auditorium as the largest audience ever seated in the building."

The following statement of appreciation was adopted by unanimous voice of an audience of 5,000 people at one of the Portland mass meetings:

"We wish to thank this Preaching Mission Team which has come to us and has labored so earnestly. They came, many of them bearing awe-inspiring titles, much reported like wise-men from afar; but they came, in fact, calling one another by first names, laying aside titles and distinctions, walking and working in humility and prayer, spurning personal comfort and pleasure, that they might do just one thing: namely, bear witness to the adequacy and power of the Gospel of Christ for a day like this. They have walked right into our hearts; and we love them; and we love them the more for the message of grace and victory which they have brought.

"We wish to thank the Feedral Council of Churches of Christ in America for sending these men and women to us. By the initiative and united executive leadership of the Federal Council, the Church has been enabled to rise in timely response to an urgent need. It has furnished a united church voice which has called men and our nation out of a morbid and withering self-introspection. We were being consumed by our own bitternesses and hates, by our own fears and confusions. We have been pointed up and out to something fine and eternal. We have been granted a new vision, a new hope. Our responsibilities have been made clear, and our obligations have been more sharply defined. We have a new purpose and a more resolute Faith. The currents of our thinking have been changed, at a time when they most needed to be changed. Our lives have been changd. Our churches, by the help of God, will be changed. We stand pledged to go forward. We thank the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for this leadership and for sending us these splendid men and women."

In the city of Vancouver, B. C., which is the only center outside the United States which the Mission touched, the response was also magnificent. On the first evening, eleven district meetings were held with a total attendance of 12,000 people. A warm reception was given by college and school groups, especially the University of British Columbia. The Mission was greatly strengthened by the presence of the Very Rev. Cecil S. Quainton, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C.

In Seattle, in spite of the strong competition from the political campaign, just on the eve of Election, the Mission evoked a splendid response. The closing meeting in the Civic Auditorium was packed with 8,000 people and hundreds were turned away. An informal conference was held with sixty leaders of labor by Stanley Jones, Douglas Horton and Muriel Lester for four hours. It led to a deeper understanding in this important field of American life and an appreciation of the meaning of the Gospel of Christ for it. An observer in Seattle writes: "This city is being stirred to its depths by the Mission. Every meeting is crowded out and it is quite embarrassing at all the luncheons because only about half of the people can be cared for that want to get in."

Billings, Montana, held one of the unique Missions of the whole schedule. Billing has a population of about 20,000, the smallest of the cities visited, but the Mission there was in every way the equal of those in larger centers. People came from the length and breadth of that Midland Empire. Some came over 500 miles. The tourist cabins about the Fair Grounds were all engaged long before the Mission. The city fathers decorated the streets with flags in honor of the Mission and the Mayor issued a public proclamation calling attention to its importance. The Fair Grounds Pavilion was used for the evening meetings and on one occasion over 7,000 people were present, 350 ministers were in attendance at the morning sessions and over 900 persons attended the afternoon seminars. Billings is sharing its rich experience by holding six One-Day Missions in strategic centers over the state of Montana.

The Omaha Mission was marked by the number of ministers present. About 900 of them were there, which is probably the largest proportionate attendance which the Preaching Mission has had. The popular meetings were held in the Municipal Auditorium which seats about 5,500 people. Mr. W. F. Cozad, a layman, reports:

"Yesterday, at the final meeting in the City Auditorium with not a single vacant seat and 500 standing, we concluded the four-day session. These meetings, addressed by the magnificent speakers of the Mission, which covered the city, and all of the major gatherings in a well-planned program, were exceedingly inspiring and profoundly helpful to everyone who attended them. They have left a great impression on the Christian men and women of our city. As a layman I congratulate you and through you all of those able men who brought us this great spiritual blessing."

The Des Moines Mission was likewise marked by wide interest and spiritual power. Here again ministers and laymen came long distances and have gone back to their communities eager to carry on with their own Missions. A large group of ministers signed the following covenant:

"In the atmosphere of calmly considered conviction, aware of

the necessities of our times, we ministers rejoice in the unity of our devotion to Christ in a Christian fellowship representing 27 Protestant communions.

"We declare our profound and complete confidence in the Christian message and the Christian way of life as the only adequate and complete answer to man's personal, spiritual and social needs. We pledge our lives to bring to others the good life we know Christ engenders in our homes and communities.

"We are in such deadly earnest and are so concerned about our day that we pledge ourselves to the continuance of the Preaching Mission in the same spirit in which the leaders have brought it to us, that is — without remuneration and at all personal sacrifice necessary."

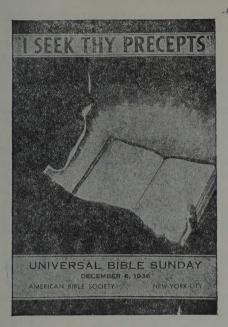
The Cleveland Mission evidenced various factors which have been characteristic of the Missions in most of the cities. In the first place, there was the splendid unity of the Missioners. Though drawn from different communions and different from each other in background, views and experience, they were a unity in fellowship, devotion and purpose. A second element was the desire to spread the influence of the Mission beyond the bounds of the city. Two luncheons were held of over a hundred men each to plan the One-Day Missions and the Eight-Day Parish Missions for northern Ohio. Forty Cleveland pastors have volunteered their services for this work and already the One-Day Missions are actively in progress throughout that area. A third element revealed by Cleveland was the well-rounded character of the Mission, which is both educational and inspirational, emphasizing both personal and social aspects of the Gospel. It faced the individual with his responsibility to God and all that is involved in the inner surrender of life to Him, and also with his responsibility as he enters all the areas of life.

The Cleveland Mission is summed up in the words of Rev. Frank D. Butchart, the Associate Secretary of the Cleveland committee:

"The total attendance at mass meetings was 20,550. The enrollment in the six seminars was 2,000 with a total attendance for the three days of 5,500. The total attendance for the high schools and colleges was 17,550. The thought seems to be in the mind of all that something really worthwhile has made a beginning and that it must go forward, not alone through this year, but next year and the years to follow. The aspect which appeals very greatly is that it is the voice of a united Protestantism answering a national and world challenge."

Under the pressure of still further demands for Missioners, the following new speakers have been added to the leadership of the Mission: Right Rev. Benjamin Dunlap Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon; Rev. John McDowell, Associate General Director of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education; Mr. Francis Stuart Harmon, General Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.; Mr. Roger W. Babson, Moderator of the National Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; and Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, General Theological Seminary, New York.

Universal Bible Sunday



S AN AID in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 6 the American Bible Society has mailed to 115,000 pastors in the United States a brochure on the theme, "The Bible in a Time of Confusion." It has been written by Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. Kern says:

"The Bible is the most astounding book ever written. The languages in which it originally appeared have long since joined the ranks of the dead, but the words of this ancient book have been reincarnated in the living speech of every continent on earth. Constantly being translated into new languages and dialects, the Bible is rapidly becoming the universal possession of the spiritual life of the race. Civilizations crumble, but the Word of God endures. Fashions pass over the face of the earth, but the supreme value of this library of eternal truths remains in the unalterable loyalties of the human spirit."

Dr. Kern then develops eight reasons why he reads the Bible and finds in it those steadying forces that no earthly circumstances can shake. His inner personal experiences, his findings in the study of history, his analysis of the needs of men and the almost universal agreement as to the remedies for men's ills, these are among the reasons for his faith in the permanence of the Bible. After some practical suggestions, the Bishop concludes in these words:

"A world in confusion, overrun with materialism, bewilderment, despair; its peoples limply yielding themselves to the short-sighted plans of cruel dictators or paralyzed with fear that such a fate may soon befall them; homes broken, justice forgotten, security gone, war clouds rising, the voice of hope drowned in a chorus of the hoarse cries of opportunists — this is our present world, but not the whole of it; for in it is a book speaking in the language of every great nation the unchanging purposes of God and his Christ—'And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end—heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away—I am the way, the truth, and the life. Come, follow me.'"

The theme for the day suggested by the American Bible Society is "I Seek Thy Precepts."

Conference on the City Church

HE annual meeting of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions, which will include a National Conference on the City Church, will be held at Asbury Park, N. J., at the Berkeley-Carteret, January 10-14, 1937.

On January 13 and 14 will be the sessions of the National Conference on the City Church. On the first morning there will be addresses by Rev. Charles H. Sears of the Baptist City Societies and by Rev. J. V. Moldenhawer of the First Presbyterian Church, New York. There will also be three presentations of the subject, "The Negroes, a Typical Group Caught in the Urban Process," the speakers being Rev. Horatio F. Hill of Harlem, Dean Lucy D. Slowe of Howard University, and Rev. Frank T. Barry of Woodland Center, Cleveland. Professor Samuel Kincheloe of Chicago Theological Seminary will give an address on "The City, a Field for Social and Religious Adventure," which will be followed by a panel discussion presided over by Rev. Channing A. Richardson. Rev. Jesse M. Bader of the Federal Council

will discuss "The Evangelistic Program of the City Church" and Rev. Laurence T. Hosie of the Judson Memorial Church "Ways in Which Religion May Be Made Effective in the Lives of City People."

On January 14 the subject will be "The Social Ministry of the Urban Church" and addresses will be given on "Juvenile Delinquency" by Miss Henrietta Additon, formerly Deputy Police Commissioner of New York; "United Christian Youth Program" by Rev. Harry Thomas Stock of the Congregational Educational Society; and "The Church School" by Rev. Philip C. Jones of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York. Rev. Ernest G. Guthrie of Chicago will speak on "The Civic Projection of the Urban Church Program, Including Moral Reform." "The Interdenominational Approach to the Modern City" will be treated by Rev. Ross Sanderson of the Baltimore Federation of Churches, Rev. Frederick B. Newell of the Methodist City Society of New York and Rev. Harry C. Munro of the International Council of Religious Education.

Laymen Mobilize for New Task

A national laymen's conference directed to "reaching the millions of children, youth and adults who are without moral and religious training" is to be held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, February 9 to 11, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education. The proposed conference is an outgrowth of the National Protestant Laymen's Commission on Character Building, which was launched about a year ago by the International Council with the coöperation of The Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Councils, the National Council of Federated Church Women, and the Council of Church Boards of Education.

The movement is headed by Mr. Russell Colgate, who is Chairman of the Commission, and Mr. O. H. Cheney, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

According to conservative estimate there are 17,000,000 children and youth of North America who are without any definite moral and religious training. Thoughtful observers are convinced that the appalling increase in juvenile delinquency and crime and the breakdown of moral standards are connected with this fact. The Laymen's Commission is an effort to move out in a united way to meet this challenge. The organizing principle is to relate laymen actively to the existing agencies of the churches and thereby to make possible an advance in united work in religious education. Special emphasis is laid also on the coördination of the agencies of the Church with other character-building forces of the community.

The February conference is to have about 300 carefully selected delegates representing the national councils, the denominational boards of Christian education, state councils of churches and of religious education and national character-building agencies. Those who are interested in attending may correspond with Rev. Paul D. Eddy, Director, 100 East 42nd Street, New York.

Ten Years of Religious Radio

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the National Broadcasting Company last month the Joint Religious Radio Commission, representing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the city, county and state federations of churches throughout the country, presented a testimonial of grateful appreciation for the facilities which the Company has made available for religious programs.

The testimonial, in the form of a handsomely embossed scroll, read as follows:

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"The guidance which has been given to innumerable persons toward a higher and more satisfying life, and the steadying and

enriching streams of influence which have been poured into our national life, are evidences of the far-reaching discernment of the directing officials of the Company in adopting, from the beginning, essential principles and policies for governing the character and the presentation of radio religious programs.

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"The Commission, therefore, in the name of the religious forces which it represents, would, on this anniversary, express its continuing gratitude for the generous use of the costly facilities, which, with constant and hearty coöperation, are accorded by the National Broadcasting Company for the purposes of religion."

Universal Week of Prayer January 4-10

"The Gospel of God" is the general theme for the world concert of prayer with which the year 1937 will be ushered in. The special topics for the successive days, Monday to Sunday, are as follows:

The Reality of God
The Wisdom of God
The Love of God
The Sufficiency of God
The Saviorhood of God
The Comradeship of God
The Kingdom of God

The Week of Prayer pamphlet, which has just been issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, presents a program of worship for each day of the week. The outline for each day includes a thoughtful quotation which provides the underlying motif, and is followed by Scripture sentences, prayers, suggestions for meditation and silent prayer. Prepared by Rev. Morgan P. Noyes, minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of Montclair, N. J., and author of *Prayers for Services*, the materials for the Universal Week of Prayer this year are suffused with a worshipful atmosphere and are of exceptional value to the thoughtful minister who desires to attract the attention of his people to the deepest spiritual realities at the beginning of the year.

Copies of this pamphlet are obtainable from the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism at \$1.50 per hundred; 3 cents per copy.

Bishop Thirkield's Service

The death of Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield on November 7 has meant the loss of the first and only chairman of the Federal Council's Committee on Worship. When, in 1932, it was decided to create a committee which would have the function of stimulating a deeper interest in worship throughout the Council's wide constituency, Bishop Thirkield was the unanimous choice for the chairmanship. The work which he had done as the

head of the Methodist Episcopal Committee on Worship and Music had marked him as an outstanding leader in this field of interest.

One of the important services of the Federal Council's group was a survey of the training being given in theological seminaries in preparing ministers for the leadership of worship. Another important contribution was the preparation of the basic study entitled "Seven Principles of Public Worship." A bibliography of the most important literature on the subject is soon to be published. Interest has been created in the music of the Church, especially through the furthering of hymn festivals.

Bishop Thirkield's earlier service was in the field of assistance to the Negro churches and the development of interracial coöperation. He organized and headed Gammon Theological Seminary, now one of the leading theological institutions for the training of Negro ministers. For six years he was President of Howard University. He was elected a bishop of his church in 1912.

Study Material for Oxford Conference

The following books and study courses are now available in connection with the world-wide studies centering on the theme of Church and State relationships. It is hoped that the study of this theme will not be confined to those who can attend the World Conference on Life and Work in Oxford next summer. Any of these books can be ordered through the office of the American Section of the Universal Christian Council at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

1. Church, Community and State by J. H. Oldham 25c 2. Christ's Way and the World's by Henry Smith Leiper
Paper cover, 65c; cloth, 90c
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Report on Church and State in America

"Church and State in Contemporary America," a thoroughgoing report which has been in preparation by a committee of the Federal Council of Churches during several years, comes from the press of Charles Scribner's Sons on December 10. It is a substantial volume of nearly 400 pages, drafted by Professor William Adams Brown as chairman of the committee.

The report analyzes the features in the world situation which have brought the issue of the relation of Church and State sharply to the fore, especially in several European countries, and also the considerations which make the problem one of vital importance for America. The study reviews the historic relations of Church and State in Christian history and particularly as they have developed in the United States where the theory of the separation of Church and State has had the most complete embodiment. The position held by the major Protestant bodies is analyzed, including their experiences in dealing cooperatively, through the Federal Council, with ethical problems which are involved in social and political life. Special sections are devoted to the rather distinctive positions of American Lutheranism and American Catholicism.

Among the problems on which light is shed are the relation of Church and State in the matter of education; the position of the churches with regard to war, the relation of Church and State in such institutions as the chaplaincy in Army and Navy, and the potential tensions which exist because the Christian Gospel commits the Church to standards of social morality and justice which secular governments may not accept. The report concludes by outlining principles which the churches should bear in mind in seeking the solution of their relationships to the state in the future.

This report appears as an American contribution to the World Conference on Church, Community and State which is to be held in Oxford, England, July 12-26, 1937. The study antedates the plans for the Oxford conference but has taken on fresh significance in view of the emergence of the totalitarian theory of the State and the problems raised by both Communist and Fascist hostility to the Church in European countries.

Dr. L. Foster Wood, Secretary of the Committee on Marriage and the Home has recently taken part in two Christian Endeavor District Conventions, the Baptist Young People's Convention of New Jersey, and the New York State Baptist Convention. In the third week in November he started the week with three addresses in the Fairfield Congregational Church, followed by two days in New Haven, with conferences at Yale University and two of the high schools, and then two days in Hartford with conferences at the Hartford Theological Seminary and in the First Baptist Church.

Loans to Churches Under Housing Act

T the request of the BULLETIN, the following information has been given by the Federal Housing Administration concerning the arrangements under which loans are now available for repairs or improvements or additions to church properties:

Through recent amendments to the National Housing Act, churches may now obtain insured modernization credit at private financial institutions in amounts up to \$50,000 for additions, alterations or repairs to church buildings or for the purchase and installation of equipment and machinery. Prior to the amendments, churches were not included in the types of structures eligible for such insured credit.

The Federal Housing Administration itself does not lend the money; it is private capital extended by private institutions operating under terms of the National Housing Act. Under this arrangement, lending institutions are insured by the Housing Administration against losses up to ten percent of the total amount of modernization credit extended by any single institution. The credit made available under the plan may not be used to consolidate a church debt or to refinance a mortgage (except on a parsonage) since the National Housing Act specifically confines refinancing of mortgages to residential property.

Under the new rulings, modernization credit in amounts up to \$50,000 is available only where the property to be improved is owned by the borrower or where he holds a lease on the property which will run not less than six months beyond the maturity date of the loan. Unimproved property is not eligible except in cases where flood, fire or other catastrophe has created a need for replacement.

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In the loans of less than \$2,000 the "character loan" arrangement applies and the Administration does not require the taking of collateral. On the larger loans the Housing Administration considers it appropriate for collateral to be taken by the lender.

Full particulars concerning modernization loans for churches may be obtained at any institution operating under terms of the National Housing Act or from any Federal Housing Administration office.

Everybody's Hymnal

An attractive booklet of thirty-six pages, giving the words of sixty of the greatest hymns of the Church, has been published by the Federal Council of Churches for the purpose of providing a collection of hymns at so low a price that it could be easily secured for great mass meetings, outdoor gatherings and other places where the standard hymnals are not available. The immediate occasion of publishing the little hymn book is the National Preaching Mission, for which two large editions totaling 183,000 copies have already been printed. The selection of the hymns was made with great care after consultation with members of the New York Hymn Society and the Federal Council's Committee on Worship. In addition to the hymns, there are also included two brief prayers for corporate use and two responsive readings.

It is believed that no collection of hymns of similar adequacy has ever been published at so low a price. Single copies are available at five cents; fifty copies for \$1.00; 500 copies for \$9.00; 1,000 copies for \$17.00; 5,000 copies for \$80.00; 10,000 copies for \$150.00, carriage extra.

Another booklet which will be of special interest to those who have the responsibility for leading public worship is entitled "Orders of Worship," containing three carefully prepared complete services different in character but all bearing the atmosphere of reverence. These orders of worship, arranged by Rev. Oscar T. Olson, of the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, were prepared especially for ministers' gatherings during the National Preaching Mission but will also be welcomed for many other purposes. They are available at five cents a copy; \$2.00 a hundred; \$9.00 for 500; \$17.00 a thousand.

Spanish Protestants Endangered?

Dr. Adolf Keller, Director of the Central Bureau for Inter-church Aid at Geneva, expresses increasing concern over the difficulties faced by the Spanish evangelicals in the districts occupied by the Nationalist troops. Already outbreaks of anti-Protestant feeling have occurred in Saragossa, Granada, and other towns, accompanied by destruction of church property, and mobbing of pastors and congregations.

The political obscurity and relatively negligible numbers of the Protestants of Spain have preserved them from drawing the fire of the Leftists, but it seems obvious that they will be one of the targets of the Nationalists (or at least of the "ultra-Montane" faction) wherever these come into power.

Dr. Keller reports that he was able to distribute several hundred dollars, raised by the American Office of the Central Bureau for Relief, among congregations outside of Madrid, through the good offices of consular channels which it is not expedient to divulge. He has the grateful assurance of the respective pastors that these monies have been as appreciated as would be the proverbial cup of cold water by a dying man.

Educational Tour to Orient

A remarkable opportunity for first-hand contacts with American educational and religious work in the Far East and the Near East is offered in an Around the World Tour planned by World Forum Tours for February to May, 1937, and sponsored by the Committee on International Travel for Adult Study of World Activities. The Committee, composed of a group of American leaders in education and religion, has Miss Anna E. Caldwell as Secretary.

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"Why Read the Bible." By J. V. Moldenhawer.

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"Seven Principles of Public Worship." By the Committee on Worship, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The entire packet of pamphlets may be had for 25 cents plus 5 cents postage. Each of the pamphlets is also available separately in quantities at the following prices: 5 cents per copy; \$1.50 for 100 copies; \$7.00 for 500; \$12.00 for 1000. Orders may be sent to The Federal Council of Churches, 105 East 22nd St., New York.

Mexican Seminar

The Twelfth Seminar in Mexico will be held next July and will be led by a distinguished group of authorities on Pan-American affairs, including Herbert J. Spinden, Rene d'Harnoncourt, Chester Lloyd Jones and Charles A. Thomson, as well as by prominent Mexicans.

In January and February there will be a two weeks' Seminar in Guatemala, and also in February a Mid-Winter Institute in Mexico, with a program of lectures, round-tables and field trips. Membership in these Seminars and Institutes is open to men and women concerned for the increase of inter-American understanding. Applications and requests for information will be welcomed by the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, 287 Fourth Ave., New York.

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Weekday Religious Education

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Kansas City, Mo.

During the first week in October more than 3,500 children left the public school at 2:30 o'clock to assemble in churches nearby for religious instruction. Approximately 1,000 of these children are unchurched. Twenty well-qualified teachers meet with these children, selected because of outstanding ability to do this particular type of work. The cost is approximately \$1.00 per pupil.

The Kansas City Council of Churches is responsible for the standards and general management of the schools. Through its city supervisor it keeps in close touch with the public school Board of Education. Splendid coöperation has existed between church and school from the begin-

ning of weekday church schools in this city.

Minneapolis

The administration of weekday schools is in the hands of the Minneapolis Church Federation's Department of Religious Education. They are supported through an annual Finance Campaign, 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the budget (\$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00) being set aside for weekday schools.

Teachers are secured through application and their qualifications ratified by the Department of Religious Education. The original agreement with the Minneapolis Board of Education stipulates that the teachers must be qualified for public school positions and in addition have had training in religious education. The influence of the work is suggested by such testimonies as the following:

Social Service agencies of the city asked that the classes continue through seventh and eighth grade in a locality where juvenile delinquency was high. Four years later it has decreased 50 per cent. The social service workers and the Juvenile Judge give religious education credit for a large share in these results.

Some ministers say best prepared children who enter their Confirmation Classes are weekday pupils.

A church school superintendent says: "My teachers have to be better prepared on Sunday to interest weekday pupils."

Toledo

Weekday church schools in Toledo have

a history which dates back to 1916. They grew until in 1927 the enrollment reached 6,000 boys and girls from thirty-eight of the forty-five grade schools of the city. All classes meet in church buildings. The depression dried up the springs of financial support until in the year 1933-1934 but two schools were held. Beginning with 1934-5 ten schools of three classes each (a total of thirty classes) were established. The next year the classes were increased to forty-five. This fall sixty were opened in fourteen school centers. Financial payments to teachers are still restricted and the schools have been possible only because of teachers' loyalty.

Wichita

The promotion of weekday church schools in Wichita is the most important project of the Religious Education Department of the Council of Churches. There are 31 churches coöperating in 18 of these schools located in all parts of the city. In order to maintain the high standard set by the Wichita Board of Education, the service of a full-time, competent supervisor is required. 4,500 boys and girls are enrolled and it requires the help of 155 teachers to care for them. A weekday church school board of nine members works with the supervisor in planning programs and general promotion. The fact that 40 per cent of the boys and girls attending the weekday church schools get no other religious instruction makes this activity a very important type of educational and missionary service.

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The Cleveland Federation of Churches has granted a four months' leave of absence to Dr. Don D. Tullis, Executive Secretary, beginning November 15. A major portion of the time will be spent in Daytona Beach, Florida, at the home of his father-in-law, who has been passing through a period of acute illness. During the absence of Dr. Tullis, Rev. F. D. Butchart, who has served the Federation for two years as Associate Secretary, has been asked to become Acting Secretary, and cooperating with him is an Advisory Committee consisting of Dr. C. Jeffares McCombe, Dr. H. B. McCormick and Dr. W. H. Leach.

California Launches Journal

Council Fires is the name of the monthly journal published by the California Church Council, Northern Area. The first issue was for October. The Editor is the Executive Secretary of the Council, Dr. Paul H. Buchholz. In introducing Council Fires Dr. Buchholz says: "Protestantism needs to let its voice be heard in the great areas of human need created by the clash of racial, class, and national interests. The California Church Council is not another organization but a program of coöperation, a means of drawing together in our common tasks."

The aims of the Council are defined as follows:

- 1. To coördinate the forces of Christian Education and Young People's work and to provide leadership training.
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- 3. To unite Protestant forces in the work of Evangelism.
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- 5. To give Protestant churches and Protestant church members a sense of the magnitude of the task of Christian service and the need of unifying our efforts in the task.
 - 6. To bring about a closer relationship

between Christianity and our educational

7. To increase the spirit of missionary zeal in the church.

8. To provide a ministry for our great State and National parks.

9. To provide adequate Christian service for those in our State and Federal institutions

Portland, Maine, Plans a Preaching Mission

At an all-day retreat at East Waterboro, forty ministers of the city and county discussed plans for coöperation with the National Preaching Mission. The program set up for Portland is to have an eight-day preaching and teaching mission during the first week of 1937. The surrounding communities of Westbrook, Gorham, Biddeford, and Saco are planning similar missions with Portland preachers as guest preachers.

Dr. F. Jefferson Neal, President of the Portland (Maine) Church Federation, is in charge of the office until an executive secretary is employed.

Washington Gives Library to Hospital

The Washington (D. C.) Federation of Churches is establishing a library of one thousand volumes in the Gallinger Hospital, a municipal institution with more more than one thousand patients. The superintendent of the hospital has given the Federation a room for this purpose and heartily approves the plan. It is expected that one thousand volumes will be on hand before Christmas. It is expected that there will be constant additions to this library since the churches are joining in making the new venture a notable success.

Miss Margaret Slattery of Boston, Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn and Mrs. John P. White of New York City will be the leaders in the Missionary Institute directed by the Women's Council of Churches of the Washington Federation, October 27-28-29. This Council has steadily grown in strength.

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The Chicago Church Federation, of which Mr. Walter R. Mee is Executive Secretary, has issued the Chicago Church Federation Year Book, 1936 edition. This is the eleventh edition of the Year Book. It contains information which is of greatest value to those who wish to secure the most important facts about the Protestant forces of Chicago. The grouping of the information is of such a character as to reveal that the Protestants of Chicago are organized for efficient service.

Baltimore, Md., Holds United Meetings in Parks

The outdoor park services carried on by the Baltimore Federation of Churches during the past summer were very successful. Six committees, made up of seventy laymen, had charge of these services, held in the following parks: Carroll, Clifton, Druid Hill, Federal Hill, Patterson, Riverside. The total attendance was 17,463, the average Sunday attendance being nearly two thousand. The contributions met the expense of programs.

New Haven Features Open-Air Preaching

The New Haven (Conn.) Council of Churches during the past summer has made a special feature of open-air preaching every Sunday evening on the New Haven Green from July 5 to September 6. A public address system was installed so that a large audience could hear. Music was furnished by the Salvation Army Band.

Cleveland Emphasizes "Fellowship"

At the annual meeting of the Cleveland Church Federation on June 5 the president, Dr. H. B. McCormick, stated in his closing message: "The Cleveland Church Federation stands for fellowship among the large group of Protestant churches of our community and it stands for fellowship with other religious groups. In fact, fellowship is our one reason for existence. In the present confused state of society, could any contribution be greater?"



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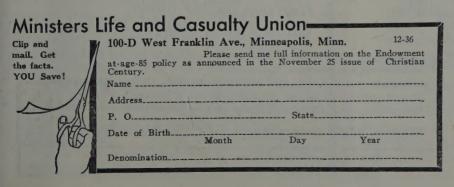
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